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RE: Wal-Mart application for Utah Industrial Loan company

1. The lessons of the Great Depression show that mixing banking and commerce is bad public policy. The banking system needs to remain independent of businesses to avoid unnecessary risk to the banking system.
2. Wal-Mart's near monopoly in many areas would have an adverse impact on community banks. Without local banks, local lending will not occur, resulting in irreparable harm to small businesses that are the largest source of U.S. employment.
3. The potential size of a Wal-Mart banking operation would represent an ill-advised and unprecedented concentration of economic power.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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